Paul, Gary Russ re Ed Butler from LW 11/14/69

My hunch of several days ago was a good one. Butler is in Washington with a "counterdemonstration". There has been nothing in the papers I see but he was on TV tonight. He was identified only as of "Citizens for Peace Without Surrender". No mention of INCA, squares, etc on this TV footage (WTOP-TV). He has let his hair lengthen a bit, had two or three beswestered young men with him and out on an insipid pantomine.

The sound-track estimate is that he had an audience of 200. It certainly was no more, and for a Sat park at noon hour, with the thousands on the street and there at that time, this was nothingness. It is apparent that his "group" is nothing, has no following or local membership of influx from elsewhere. This was nothing more than a public relations stunt.

In his outdoor speaking voice, the natural nasal whine so noticeable in person was missing. Or has he taken lessons.

Despite the glaring error of the claim, the burden of his words and pantomime is that the mobilization represents the minority, he and his represent the absence majority.

Of all the possible places for his appearance, he selected one very close to the headquarters, which suggests he was hoping to provoke something. The rather odd thing is that he was not identified as of his other organizations or New Orleans but as from Los Angeles. And his is the only "counterdemonstration" reported, to my knowledge, although one had been promised by YAF.